

Montgomery County

A Household Guide to Waste Prevention By Repairing Renting and Reusing Goods

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Important Information

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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste E-mail:

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Main Line:

(240)-777-6400

Collections:

(240)-777-6410

Transfer Station:

(301)-840-2370

or

(301)-840-2371

Recycling Center:

(301)-417-1433

Questions concerning this guide:

(301)-840-2774

or rick.dimont@montgomerycountymd.gov

use it again, Montgomery County!

Welcome to our fourth edition!

The purpose of this directory is to provide Montgomery County residents with information that will help prevent waste.

How? By repairing items or avoiding purchasing new items, you can significantly cut down on product packaging that ends up in your trash can. You also may be eligible for a tax deduction when you donate some items.

Over 100 businesses and organizations who provide these services are listed. The County does not vouch for the quality of service provided by these businesses, nor does this directory list all businesses who could provide these services. However, this directory is designed to make it easier for you to make the decision to rent, repair or reuse. Many of these companies are listed in the telephone directory but Use It Again, Montgomery County! puts some of them in a handy place and provides telephone book headings to find others. In some cases, this guide provides additional information such as types of items sold or accepted, operating hours and phone numbers.

If you know an organization that you would like to see included in future editions, please let us know by calling (301) 840-2774. We hope you find this guide useful. This guide is also available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste.

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Tips For preventing Household Waste

- Stay away from disposable plates, utensils and cups. They are more costly in the long run and cannot be reused.
- Reuse bags when you go shopping, especially grocery shopping. Keep them in your car when they are empty. Reuseable bags save space as well. You won't have to store all those extra bags you get when you shop!
- Use reusable kitchen sponges whenever possible instead of paper towels to do clean up.
- Use cloth or linen napkins in place of paper napkins, whenever possible.
- Wash and reuse plastic sandwich bags, whenever possible.
- Buy, save and use reusable containers to store leftovers, instead of plastic bags.
- Ask your dry cleaners if they will take back hangers and plastic wrap. If they do, return these to them.
- Consider using cloth diapers instead of disposable. They are far less expensive, and with Velcro closures, pins are no longer necessary.
- Buy the brand that uses the least amount of packaging.
- Purchase refillables and reuseables!
 Stay away from disposable items such as lighters, pens, cameras and razors.
- Use a lunch box and closable lid containers rather than sandwich wrap and bags.

 Get your name off all mailing lists to reduce unwanted mail.

Write to:
Direct Marketing Association
Mail Preference Center**
Post Office Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

** To reduce the number of telephone sales calls you receive, send your telephone number to the Telephone Preference Service at Post Office Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014.

Include full name and any variations, address, apartment number, zip code, and ask that your name be removed from all solicitation lists. You may need to send a card for at least three months in a row before seeing any results.

To do a really through job, send a postcard to other major mailing companies and request that your name(s) be removed from their lists, too.

- Advo,Inc.
 List Service Supervisor
 329 West Service Road
 Hartford, CT 06120
- Dun & Bradstreet Customer Service 899 Eaton Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18025
- Harte Hanks Direct Marketing List Maintenance 100 Alco Place Baltimore, MD 21227-2090
- Metromail Corp. List Maintenance 901 West Bond Lincoln, NE 68521

Call R.I.Polk & CO 1-800-873-7655

- Buy recycled and recyclable products.
- Try some of these clean ways to do dirty jobs (they are cheaper and just as good):

Furniture polish: mix one part lemon juice to two parts olive oil. Use a soft cloth to apply and polish.

Linoleum floor cleaner: mix one cup white vinegar to one gallon of water.

Wood floor cleaner: mix equal parts of vegetable oil and white wine vinegar, and apply sparingly. Rub in well.

Mosquito repellent: burn citronella candles or citronella oil.

Window cleaner: mix one tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice in one quart water, spray on, and use newspaper to wipe dry

Drain cleaner: sprinkle one half-cup of baking soda in drain. Pour down one half cup of vinegar, let stand fifteen minutes. Follow with hot water.

Buy only the paint you need: 1 gallon covers between 250-350 sq. ft. depending on surface porosity. For leftover Latex paint Use it up, Pass it on or Dry If you have leftover paint(s) mix and use on projects where final coat is not critical. Donate unopened cans of white paint or bring them back to place of purchase. To dispose latex paint dry first. To dry latex paint, remove lid and place in a safe well-ventulated area. To speed drying add mulch, kitty litter, or Waste Paint Hardener™ available at all McCormick Paints Stores and Home Depot. Once dry, put out for regular refuse collection.

Repair It/Rent It

Repair it instead of replacing it! You probably have useable appliances, tools, chairs, or items of clothing around the house that could be "good as new," if you had them repaired. When you repair goods rather than throw them away, you prevent waste. People often don't repair things because they don't know who can make the repairs and may not have the time to find out. This section of Use It Again, Montgomery County! fills you in on many of the local businesses you can go to for repairs.

In addition, many of the businesses listed below also rent the same items they repair. Renting may be just the answer for you if you only need to use something once in a while, or occasionally, instead of buying the item(s).

For instance for a party, consider renting glassware, silver, china and cloth napkins, rather than buying disposables. The same thing is true for power tools or seldom-used appliances.

This also applies to clothing for infrequent events. You may already know about renting formal wear, but you may not know that you can rent just a shirt, tie or whatever you need instead of the whole suit. Additionally, costumes can be rented (see page 11).

Renting goods saves storage space and maintenance costs. Many rental shops will help you with hands-on instructions on how to use what you are renting. Some shops even provide pick up and delivery.

There are many other relevant businesses listed in your local yellow pages. Suggestions for telephone book subject headings you may consult are found throughout this directory. Look for this symbol to denote telephone book headings:

APPLIANCES, SMALL

Coffee makers, toaster ovens, irons, food processors -- all can be

repaired. A quality item is more likely to be fixable. Ask for a repair estimate. If it's too expensive to repair, consider buying a reconditioned replacement. Check with these stores:

Electric Shaver Shop 8211 Fenton Street Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301)-585-0751

Waters Appliance Service 216 E. Diamond Ave. Gaithersburg, MD (301) 258-7500

BICYCLES

Bikes are an environmentally friendly, healthy, and economical way to get around. Listed below are places to take your bike for repair. Good maintenance prolongs the life of a bicycle, so keep your tires inflated, the chain greased and bolts tightened.

In addition, almost every type of bicycle-mountain, sport, touring, and tandem - is available for rent. Renting bicycles is a good way to find out what you like before buying your own.

All American Bicycle and Fitness Center (rents bicycles - repairs - sells used bikes) 26025 Ridge Rd., (Rt. 27) Damascus,MD (301) 253-5800 **Big Wheel Bikes** (also sells used bicycles) 6817 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD (301) 652-0192

Bikes USA

357 Muddy Branch Rd., Gaithersburg, MD (301) 590-3000

Bob's Bicycle Service (mobile repair comes to you) Damascus, MD (301) 253-8761

Gaithersburg Bicycle Sales and Services (also sells used bicycles) 811 Russell Avenue Gaithersburg, MD (301) 948-6126

Griffin Cycle

(repairs and also sells used bicycles) 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 656-6188

3494 Olney-Layhill Rd., Olney, MD (301) 774-3970

1125 Nelson St., Rockville, MD (301) 279-2453

Wheaton Cycles, Inc.

(also sells used bicycles) 2400 W. University Blvd., Wheaton, MD (301) 949-1649

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

When grandchildren come to visit, it is handy to have a car seat, high chair, and porta-crib available. Renting is a good alternative for those once-in-a-while needs. Seniors can rent these items from:

Grandparents Loan Closet Holiday Park Senior Center 5630 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton, MD (301) 468-4448

CLOCKS AND WATCHES

Have a clock that struck thirteen?
Or one that doesn't work at all?
Whether it's an old grandfather
clock or a designer quartz model, here are

clock or a designer quartz model, here are shops that specialize in clock repair.

All the Old Clock Works Rockville (301) 854-5514 Silver Spring, MD (301) 622-0706

Concord Jewelers 11451 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD (301) 946-6686

Eckers Clock & Watch Shop 8010 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 652-0549

Kensington Clock Repair 10426 Armory Ave., Kensington, MD (301) 942-3794

Whipp's Clock Shop 10426 Armory Ave., Kensington, MD (301) 942-3774

Moren, Inc. 962 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301) 588-5548 FAX (301) 588-5549 E-mail: moreninc@aol.com

For watch repair:



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Watches -- Dealers Watches -- Service & Repair

COSTUMES

Celebrate Halloween, Mardi Gras or a surprise party in costume. You'll find unique and extravagant wear at rental shops. You can rent an outfit for that special occasion at a fraction of the cost of a new costume.



EOUIPMENT - LAWN AND GARDEN TOOLS

Set up a regular maintenance schedule for your power equipment such as lawn mowers, weed cutters and shredders. Read the owner's manual to learn what you can do to care for the equipment. Lawn mowers, for example, need blade sharpening, especially for proper grasscutting. Oil and air filter changes, and gas tank draining also make your mower operate more efficiently with less pollution. Some things you can do yourself. Other work may need a repair shop. Most shops that sell equipment will provide the service.

Seasonal yard jobs are perfect reasons to rent, especially for jobs like pruning and rototilling. Renting often is less expensive than buying, maintaining, and storing your own equipment. Chippers, heavy-duty

mowers, extension ladders, tree pruning shears, chain saws and more are available. Most stores will help you find the best tool for the job as well as offer hands-on instructions on how to use it.



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Hardware--Retail Lawn & Garden Equipment & Supplies --Rentina Lawn mowers -- Sharpening & Repairing Rental Service Stores & Yards Tools

FURNITURE RENTAL

Renting furniture is practical. If you are just starting out and your budget is tight, or if you need some

furniture for only a few months, renting makes sense. Couches, tables, chairs, dressers and more can be rented. Office furniture is also available for rental. Most stores offer delivery and pick up service.

> Furniture-Rent H = home furniture rental O = office furniture rental

Aaron Rents Furniture (H-O) 52 Derwood Cir., Rockville, MD (301) 424-3922

Cort Furniture Rental (H-O) 11711 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD (301) 881-7388

D & F Desks & Furnishings (H-O) 11550 Rockville Pk., Rockville, MD (301) 984-4344

Executive Furniture Center Inc. (H-O) 7595 Rickenbacker Dr., Gaithersburg, MD (301) 948-4888

Rent-A-Center (H) 18226 Flower Hill Way, Gaithersburg, MD (301) 208-8400

Rent America (H) 367 Muddy Branch Rd., Gaithersburg, MD (301) 948-0303

Scherr Furniture Rental (H) 12340 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD (301) 881-8960

FURNITURE REPAIR

Many office and home furnishings can look as good as new when repaired. Dents can be removed from metal desks and file cabinets and they can be repainted. Chairs and couches can be reupholstered. Your home or office can look great without costing a lot.

Check the Yellow Pages under:
Furniture Repairing & Refinishing
Upholsterers.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT RENTALS/REPAIR

Crutches are often used for only a short time until an injury heals. Therefore, you might be better off renting instead of buying them. Other medical equipment available for rental includes hospital beds, wheelchairs, and walkers.



For Seniors Only: THE MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET has equipment available on a short-term basis at a minimal charge Holiday Park Senior Center 5630 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton (301) 468-4448

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Musical instruments need tuning and occasional repair. Pianos, violins, horns, and

drums are just a few of the instruments musical repair shops service. Shops offer a full range of services from cleaning and tuning to parts replacement.

Renting is a good way to provide a child with a first musical instrument. If the musical talent flourishes, you can always buy later. Just about any musical instrument -- guitars, violins, banjos, trumpets and more-- can be rented.

Bethesda Music

4842 Rugby Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 907-0106

Dale Music

8240 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301) 589-1459

Drums Unlimited Rentals

10417 Metropolitan Ave., Kensington, MD (301) 942-1332

House of Musical Traditions

7040 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD (301) 270-9090

L & L Music-Wind Shop

8940 N. Westland Dr., Gaithersburg, MD (301) 948-7273

Music Exchange

13321 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301) 384-5900

Wheaton Music

11230 Grandview Ave., Wheaton, MD (301) 949-1261

Victor Litz

306 East Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD Call (301) 948-7478 www.victorlitz.com

PARTY SUPPLIES



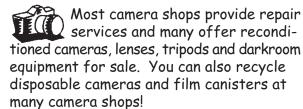
Let your guests eat and drink in style! Glassware, china plates, cloth

napkins and silverware can be rented for a large gathering. It's classier than paper and plastic food service and you're cutting down on waste too.



Check the Yellow Pages under: Party Supplies -- Renting

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT



PhotoPro

10630 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, MD (301) 933-3350

Penn Camera 12266F Rockville Pike, Federal Plaza, Rockville, MD (301) 231-7366

SEWING MACHINES & VACUUMS



Sewing machines are precision tools and need tuning from time to time. Between tune-ups,

keep the motor oiled and free of dust and lint. A plugged hose, clogged filter or broken belt got your vacuum cleaner stopped? You may be able to handle these problems yourself. If not, a repair shop can help with these and more serious repairs.

Some stores rent sewing machines and vacuums. Used/rebuilt models are often available for purchase.

Check the Yellow Pages under:

Sewing machines -- Household dealers Vacuum Cleaners -- Household Dealers

SHOES



Keep walking many, many miles in your shoes. Repair! Dress shoes, high heels, boots, handbags,

briefcases, and many other leather items can be repaired. Lots of cleaners offer shoe repair, too.



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Shoe repair

STEREO EQUIPMENT/SPEAKERS



If your speakers are starting to sound fuzzy, it may be time to take them to a repair shop. You can also

find rebuilt speaker systems.

Guitar Center

12401 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville, MD (301) 231-6100

The Speaker Factory (301) 840-0747



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Stero -- HiFi Sterophonic & High Fidelity Equipment -- Service and Repair

TV AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT



Everyone wants a high-quality picture and good sound. When either goes awry, check with an

expert to see if the problem can be fixed.



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Television & Radio -- Renting & Leasing or Service & Repair

Pass It On/Donate

There are two ways you can reduce waste by reusing: you can make your belongings available for other people to reuse or you can obtain items from other people so you can reuse them! This next section lists places where you can donate your belongings. The third part of the directory lists places where you can purchase items provided by other people.

Where to Recycle Your Unwanted items APPLIANCES

When purchasing a new or replacement appliance, ask the dealer if they provide a collection service. Many dealers take back your old appliance when they deliver the new one. People in the County collection district (generally down-County, where the County contracts with the trash haulers) may call (240)-777-6410 to arrange for a special pick up at least 36 hours before your regular recycling day, to arrange for a special pick up. Scrap metal recycling pick ups are available to all residents with County-provided recycling service. Have to call by 9:30 a.m. on business day before your recycling day.

Take non-working appliances to:

Montgomery Scrap Corporation
15000 Southlawn Lane, Rockville,MD
(301) 424-3000
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. - NOON
Note: Refrigerators and air conditioners must have freon removed or Montgomery Scrap will not accept them.

Montgomery County Waste Transfer Station

16101 Frederick Rd., (Rockville, MD) (301) 840-2370 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call (240)-777-6410 for special pick up

"WHITE GOODS" COLLECTION PROGRAM

Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, window air conditioning units, hot water heaters and dehumidifiers can be dropped off. Enter through the Truck entrance off Shady Grove Road, Mondays through Saturdays 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sundays, residents can bring appliances to the Public Unloading Facility via the entrance on Route 355.

To donate working appliances, call:

Bob Levey's Give-A-Way List

All major appliances: TV's, toys and fish tanks accepted. Anything requiring 2 people to lift! Call (202) 334-7662 (and leave message)

ART & CRAFT SUPPLIES

Many elementary school art departments covet your juice cans, oleo tubs, yogurt containers, ribbon, greeting cards, egg cartons, etc. Just ask!

Crossway-Community

3015 Upton Dr., Kensington, MD (301) 729-2505 (call ahead) M-F 9:00 a.m. -7 p.m.

Head Start Call: (301) 230-0676

MCPS Boys & Girls Clubs

1010 Grandin Ave., Rockville, MD (301) 424-3058

Note: Accepts old ribbon, yarn, magazines, etc.

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Summer camps can use your unwanted sports gear. Unwanted exercise equipment can also be donated or consigned.

Community Team Tennis

Basketballs, tennis raquets, nets etc. (301) 762-8092

Crossway-Community

(301) 929-2505 (Call ahead)

Play-it-Again Sports (a.k.a. Winmark) www.playitagainsports.com Call: 1-800-433-2540

www.piayitagainsports.com Caii: 1-800-433-254

Pedals For Progress

(703)-525-0931

BOOKS

Donate your extra books and magazines! Sometimes donations are used to stock libraries. Other times, schools and organizations raise money through used book sales.

Crossway Community (301) 929-2505

Detention Center Library

1307 Seven Locks Road
Rockville, MD 20854
(240)-777-9780/9781
Not open to the public, must call first to advise of donations. Contact Joan Deacon

Friends of the Library

4886 Boiling Brook Parkway Rockville, MD (301)-984-3300 Daily, 12-6 p.m.

Friends of the Library

11701 Georgia Avenue Wheaton, MD 20902 (301)-929-5515 Mon-Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Park Multiservice Senior Center 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton, MD (301) 468-4448

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Libraries - All Montgomery CountyLocal libraries - Deliver to the check out desk

Montgomery Historical Society

111 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 340-6534

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Accepts cassettes, records, books on tape or videos, books on any subject and of any type except text books.

Regional Addiction Prevention, Inc. (RAP)

1949 Fourth Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002

(202)-462-7500

Hours: Sunday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pick up service available.

Accepts books and any educational material for young adults

Stone Ridge Country Day School of the Sacred Heart

9101 Rockville Pike

(Corner Cedar Lane and Rockville Pike)

Bethesda, MD 20824

(301) 657-4322, Ext. 372

Pick up service available.

You can bring your material to the porch of the Book Barn at Stone Ridge.

Accepts books, albums, records, tapes and prints.

Support Centers, Inc.

1010 Grandin Ave., Rockville, MD

(301) 738-2250 Contact: Lu Peck

For senior citizens in adult daycare Hardcover books and recent magazines.

Vassar Club of Washington

2737 Devonshire Place, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20008

(Across from Kennedy-Warren and Zoo)

(301) 299-4855 or 202-667-1492

Contact: Charlotte Seward

Pick up service, books, records, tapes, and sheet music. No magazines and no text books over 5 years old.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Don't Dump, Donate!

Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center Rt. 355 and Shady Grove Rd., Gaithersburg, MD

Note: Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call (301) 840-2370, Monday-Friday for a listing of acceptable materials. All materials are donated to help build affordable housing throughout Maryland, and your donation is tax deductible!

CARS AND OTHER VEHICLES

Charities are an alternative for your unwanted vehicle, whether or not it is in running condition. Many provide free towing. The value of your donated vehicle may be tax-deductible.

Vocational and industrial arts programs in schools may also accept vehicles. Check with your local high schools.

American Breast Cancer Foundation

1055 Taylor Avenue Baltimore, MD 21286 Toll Free (877)-539-2543Ask for Car Donations

American Cancer Society

Post Office Box 43025
Baltimore, MD 21236-0025
1-888-CAR-5500
Internet at http://www.cancer.org
Free towing, tax receipt

American Lung Association

1-888-300-LUNG

Web site: www.autodonation.com

American Red Cross in Montgomery County

2020 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 21236-0025
(301)-628-0060 Contact: Rosalyn Watts
Used cars, trucks, motorcycles, campers,boats
with trailers and travel trailers with 4 good tires

Automotive Trades Foundation

12501 Dalewood Drive Silver Spring, MD 20906 (301)-929-2190 Do not pick up. Tax donation certificate.

Boy Scouts of America

1 Caroline Drive Middletown, MD 21769 1-800-626-1146 Free towing, tax donation certificate granted.

Disabled Veterans

Andrews Air Force 39450 Mount Wolf Road Charlotte Hall, MD 20622 1-800-285-VETS Free towing, tax receipt

Goodwill Industries

2200 South Dakota Ave. NE Washington, D.C. 20018 (202)-636-4237 Cars must be in drivable and running. www.gwcars.org

Heritage For The Blind

1-800-236-6283 Accepts cars, trucks, RV's, boats, etc.

The Jewish Heritage Foundation for the Blind 1-800-9-DONATE

Melwood Vehicle Donation Program

5606 Dower House Road Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 1-800-333-4788 Hours: Monday - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Purple Heart

1-888-414-4483

The Salvation Army

3304 Kenilworth Ave.
Bladebsburg, MD 20710
(301) 277-7878
Used cars, trucks, motorcycles, campers, boats with trailers and travel trailers accepted.
Free towing, tax receipt

United Cerebral Palsy Foundation

33901 Woodhaven Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
(301)262-4993
Used 1990 and upwards cars, trucks,
motorcycles, campers, boats with trailers and
travel trailers in good condition accepted.
Free towing, tax receipt

Volunteers of America

1-800-948-1414

Web site: www.carshelpingpeople.org

CLOTHING

Clothes must be in good condition to be accepted by any of the nonprofit programs listed below. Also, clean, dry clothing and textiles may be taken for recycling to the Montgomery County Waste Transfer Station, Public Unloading Facility 16101 Frederick Rd., Rockville, (301) 840-2370, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., No County pick ups for clothing, textiles!!!

Interfaith Clothing Center

751 Twinbrook Parkway, Broom Middle School, Rockville, MD Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (301) 424-3796

Shepherd's Table

8210A Colonial Spring Rd., Silver Spring, MD (301) 585-6463, (after 9:00 a.m.)
Note: All clothes accepted

Call the shelters listed below beforehand to be sure that clothing is needed. Clothes must be in good condition and are usually accepted on a seasonal basis. Local congregations such as churches and synagogues often have clothing drives and sometimes have small clothing closets. Support them when you can.

Bethesda House

4848 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 907-9597 Men's clothing. Everyday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Carroll House Men's Shelter 2699 Linden Ln., Silver Spring, MD (301) 495-4900 Men's clothing only.

Crisis Center

301 Picard Dr., Rockville, MD (240) 777-4000 Open 24 hours a day

Dorothy Day Place

251 N. Stonestreet Ave., Rockville MD (301) 762-8314

Note: Women's clothing only Open 24 Hours, 7 days

National Center For Children and Families

6301 Greentree Rd., Bethesda, MD

(301) 365-4480

Note: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hannah's After Care & Rehab Center

1201 Millgrove Rd., Silver Spring, MD (301) 476-9474

Women's and Children's clothes only

Stepping Stones Shelter

Rockville, MD (301) 251-0567

Note: Call for directions

Career Gear

12125 Veirs Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD (301) 933-9760 Men's clothing, interview appropriate

Life Skills Workshop, Inc.

Bethesda, MD (301) 530-0788

Professional women's clothing size 16 and above Call for drop-off appointment

Wells Robertson House

One Wells Ave., Gaithersburg, MD (301) 258-6390 Call before going

The Housing Opportunities Commission

collects business clothing for distribution to needy job-hunters 10400 Detrick Ave., Kensington, MD (301)-929-5642

Consignment stores, listed in another section of this directory, also accept used clothing



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Clothing -- Bought & Sold Consignment shops Thrift shops

COMPUTERS/OFFICE EQUIPMENT



Have an old, outdated computer/hardware or one that just doesn't work anymore?

Chances are that your computer, printer, or other hardware can be repaired and reconditioned or recycled and given to someone who needs it. By recycling, repairing or reconditioning your computer; you prevent many toxic and valuable metals from ending up in our landfill

Housing Opportunities Commission

10400 Detrick Ave., Kensington, MD

(301) 929-5679

Contact: Nancy Scull Ext 5679

(they take computers, clothes, no sewing machines)

Blair Connect

51 University Boulevard East Silver Spring, MD (301)-649-2899

wiz@mbhs.edu http://giveaway.mbhs.edu

Davis Memorial Goodwill (202)-636-4233

FURNITURE DONATION

By donating old reusable furniture you prevent it from going to the landfill and provide a resource to

someone who needs it. Also, computers and related electronics are accepted at the Transfer Station. Furniture donations are tax deductible.

Consignment Furniture Gallery

1800-*C* Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 (301)-770-4400

Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.

Sun. Noon - 5:00 p.m. Pick up and delivery available

Consignment Galleries

3226 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

(202)-364-8995

Hours: Tues. Wed & Thurs 10:00 a.m. -

3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

Interfaith Consortium

Danny Harris (301)-229-7982 (Will pick up anything)

NAMI Thrift Shop

(National Alliance for the Mentally III)

1073 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD (301) 949-5731 (call for pick up).

Store hours: Tu., Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur., Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Grandparents Loan Closet

Accepts donations of good used high chairs, porta-cribs, strollers, etc. to lend grandparents with visiting young ones. Call (301)-468-4448 for further information.

FURNITURE USED CONSIGNMENT



Your old dresser may be someone else's treasure!

Furniture Gallery 11722 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD



(301)-774-4400 Check the Yellow Pages under:

Consignment Shops Thrift Shops

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

Washington Wheelchair Society

912 Thayer Ave., Suite 108, Silver Spring, MD (301) 495-0277

Sunday - Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Paul

(Also accepts all medical equipment/ambulatory, i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, etc.)

Medical Loan Closet

Holiday Park Seniors Center 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton, MD (301) 468-4448

SEWING MACHINES

Your old sewing machines can be treasures to low-income citizens. Sewing machines are used for the Family SelfSufficiency Program, run by the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC).

Emery Grove Family Resource Center (301) 869-7330

Crossway Community (301) 929-2505 (call ahead)

Bob Levey's Give-A-Way List

All major appliances, TV's, toys and fish tanks accepted. Anything requiring 2 people to lift! Pick-up available.

(202) 334-7662 and leave message.

E-mail: warmer.g@erols.com

HOME PICK-UP

If it is not possible for you to transport the items you wish to donate, arrangements can be made with one of the following organizations to have them picked up at your home.

MCPS Boys and Girls Clubs Rockville, MD (301) 424-3058

Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries (202) 636-4233

Purple Heart Service Foundation (no heavy furniture or appliances) (301) 345-0094

Salvation Army (301) 277-7878

Thrift Stores of Washington, DC (Am Vets) (301) 953-0090

Value Village Project (301) 595-1827

Close the Loop!

Help close the waste reduction loop by purchasing reusable items and by patronizing stores that sell used things. We would like to see this section of Use It Again continue to grow in future editions. If you have any ideas for new additions, please call (301) 840-2774, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AIR FILTERS

Clean air systems last longer and use less energy. The businesses below sell electrostatic air filters that last longer than the disposable fiber glass filters.

Advanced Furnace & Duct Cleaning Co. 8844 Monard Dr., Silver Spring, MD (301) 608-3300

Air Filters Inc. White Oak, MD (301) 622-5474

American Air Care 113 Meem Ave., Gaithersburg, MD (301)216-0600

High's Air Duct Cleaning 645-J Lofstrand Lane, Rockville, MD (301)340-6565



BATTERIES

Batteries Plus 844A Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD (Opposite Wintergreen Shopping Center) (301)738-0606

COMPUTER SOFTWARE

For times when it's not critical to have the latest version, used software is an economical way to build your computer library. Disks are checked for viruses and then shrink-wrapped prior to resale.

Cyber Exchange 12274 - C Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD (301) 984-1446

CONSIGNMENT STORES

Consignment stores offer a wide variety of fashions in all size and styles. You can find dazzling gowns, designer suits, fun Tshirts, jeans and more. The stores below also sell jewelry, shoes, small appliances and small household goods (dishes, vases, lamps, etc.). Not only can you dress well and make your home look good, you can save money, too!

The stores below are all not-for-profit businesses. Their proceeds go towards the cause listed in parentheses after their name.



Check the Yellow Pages under:

Clothing -- Brought and sold Consignment Shops Thrift Shops

NAMI Thrift Shop

1073 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD (301) 949-5731 (call for pick-up) namioffice@namimc.org

Disabled American Veterans Thrift Stores (800) 343-1407 (call for pick-up)

Discovery Shop (Cancer) 392 Hungerford Dr., Rockville, MD (301) 294-9440

Hadassah Thrift Shop (Mentally III) 8622 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD (301) 588-0049

Montgomery County Thrift Shop 7125 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 654-0063

Opportunity Shop (St. John's Episcopal Church) 4710 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, MD (301) 654-4999

Prevention of Blindness Society 942 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301) 585-0331 (call (202) 544-2719 for pick-up) Salvation Army (301) 277-7878 (call for pick-up)

The Bargain Box (Christ Episcopal Church) 398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD (301) 762-2242

Thrift Shop of Montgomery General Hospital 2805 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Olney, MD (301) 774-9638 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Upscale Resale Shop (Mentally III) 1075 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD (301) 738-7723 (call for pick-up)

DIAPER SERVICES

Millions of disposable diapers are thrown away every year. One alternative to disposables that has worked for centuries is washing diapers. Professional diaper services clean and sanitize the diapers and offer competitive prices. Consider calling the diaper services listed below for more information.

Modern Diaper Service (301) 853-3993, (703) 823-3993

Dy-Dee Diaper service (800) 492-9895

EXERCISE AND ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

With the large variety of exercise equipment available, it is often hard to know what is best for you -- or what type of exercise you will most enjoy. Buying used equipment is an economical way to explore your options. When you are ready to trade up to new equipment, these same businesses can help you find a buyer.

Heartline Fitness 19201 Orbit Drive Gaithersburg, MD (301)-921-0661

PACKING PEANUTS

Don't throw away those little white packing peanuts; reuse them! For example, use them to protect delicate items in packages you send or at the bottom of the container when repotting plants.

In addition, peanuts are accepted for reuse at UPS stores. Check the phone book.

Check the Yellow Pages under:
Mailing Services

RECORDS, TAPES, CD'S

Buying used records, cassettes, or CD's means getting great music for low prices.

Check the Yellow Pages under: Records, Tapes, & Compact Discs--Retail

TOYS



Purchasing new toys can be expensive. Check out these toy co-ops instead.

Toy Exchange (collectibles) 11265 Triangle La., Wheaton, MD (301) 929-0690

Toy Traders
Layhill Shopping Center, Silver Spring
(301) 598-5588

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKETS/ SWAP MEETS/GARAGE SALES

Several flea markets, swap meets, and garage sales are held in communities around the County. Cleaning out the attic or basement? This is a great opportunity to sell items that can be reused and to buy things at a reduced price. Selling space varies in cost from \$7 to \$20; usually space is on a

first-come basis but it's best to call for information.

Bethesda -

4th Saturday, April to November Garage 57, Bethesda Avenue and Elm Street Benefits Bethesda Urban Partnership To reserve a spot, call (301)-654-6483

Gaithersburg -

For information call (301)-258-6350 Baby Bazzar and Flea Market Outdoor Fairgrounds Benefits Gaithersburg Recreational Department Indoor winter sales also

Rockville -

2nd Saturday, April - October, 7:00 a.m. - noon. Council Office Building Parking Garage Fleet, Monroe, and West Jefferson Streets Benefits Kiwanis Community Projects For information, call (301) 309-6882

Rockville -

4th Saturday, April - October Indoor Garage, Shady Grove Metro Station Benefits Rockville Civitan Club. For information, call (301)-309-6882

Safeway Flea Market Yard Sales (301) 652-1983. Call for location and dates.

Check the classified section of your newspaper for yard sales and look into neighborhood co-ops for sharing items like tools. Local bulletin boards are a good source of information, too.

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